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USAID activities in Bolivia were supportive of the National Development Plan and fully coordinated with relevant Bolivian government ministries and agencies in a timely and transparent way.

There is no evidence or reason to believe that there were other motivations, and we explicitly reject any implication of improper behavior. We regret the Bolivian government's decision to end such cooperation, which benefited millions of Bolivians over the course of the last five decades.

The United States deeply regrets the pain and dislocation that will be caused by this action. U.S. assistance was an act of solidarity between the American and Bolivian people.

That said, the majority of USAID employees, partners, and contractors are, and have been, Bolivians. For decades, these Bolivians have given their all to improve the welfare of the Bolivian people and to protect some of this country's most vulnerable citizens.